

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-04

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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2298  
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
CINCPAC HONOLULU  
DOD WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0640

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS PP AS  
SUBJ: GPNG REQUEST FOR ARMS SALES

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIP NOTE DATED MAY 10 STATING  
UPON TWO OCCASIONS GPNG HAS LET TENDER FOR COMMERCIAL  
PURCHASE OF BELOW LISTED ITEMS ONLY TO FIND THAT THEY MUST  
BE PROCURED FROM U.S. GOVT ARSENALS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN  
REQUESTED OBTAIN USG APPROVAL FOR GPNG PURCHASE OF:

A) 100 ROCKET SYSTEMS, 66MM, HEAT, AVAILABLE REDSTONE  
ARSENAL, PORT NO 10048500 MODEL NO 18876.

B) 1300 CARTRIDGES, 40 MM, RIOT CONTROL CS EITHER  
XM674 OR M651E1 FROM PINE BLUFF ARSENAL.

2. POLOFF DISCUSSED REQUEST WITH COMMANDER PNG DEF FORCE  
DIRO WHO STATED ROCKET SYSTEMS WERE ENVISIONED AS MAJOR  
INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPON FOR THE PNG DEFENCE FORCE TO BE USED  
ON PNG PATROL CRAFT (SHIP TO SHIP) AND AS ANTI-PERSONNEL,  
ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-BUNKER WEAPON. HE STATED ALL ITEMS  
PROCURED FROM AUSTRALIA ARE MARKED UP 20 PERCENT IN COST FOR  
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HANDLING AND THAT IN ANY CASE AUSTRALIA HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO  
SUPPLY ROCKETS. HE NOTED THAT ALTERNATE ROCKET MIGHT BE KARL  
GUSTOV FROM SWEDEN. HE WAS INFORMED WE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED  
NEW ARMS POLICY GUIDELINES WHICH APPEARED TO BE CONSIDERABLE  
MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN PAST PRACTICE, BUT THAT WE WOULD PASS  
ON INQUIRY TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC DETERMINATION FROM DEPT.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN FACE OF NEW DIRECTIVES RE U.S.  
MUNITIONS SALES IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE DEFINITIVE  
ANSWER CAN BE MADE REGARDING THIS INQUIRY, BUT WE WOULD  
LIKE TO HAVE SOME INDICATION OF DEPT'S ASSESSMENT.  
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